

Adequate Water Supply Question Forced on People

Nature has given Southern California its newest and most important public question — is the water supply adequate to meet future needs?

Months of record-breaking drought and water rationing in several cities have combined to make the issue almost as prominent as the spiraling of prices, according to Raymond Matthew, chief engineer, Colorado River Board of California.

"The protracted dry spell has focused the attention of our people on the pressing problem of water," said Matthew. "Nature has shown us with dramatic clearness what a disastrous situation all Southern California would be facing today were it not for the supplemental water supply we receive from the Colorado river. The crisis would be general, and not confined to those few cities lacking a supplemental source to tap when needed."

"At the present time Arizona interests are pushing a project which could be supplied only by water taken from Southern California's authorized share. If this source is taken from us, every farmer, every manufacturer, every householder in the area will face the peril of insufficient water to meet a growing need at some future drought period."

The water question is destined to play a leading role in Southern California until it is solved permanently, Matthew asserted. A bill referring the dispute to the United States Supreme Court for final settlement is now before Congress, and is likely to reach the floor of both houses during the present session, Matthew said.

Let not him who prays, suffer his tongue to outstrip his heart; nor presume to carry a message to the throne of grace, while that stays behind.—South

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.—James 5:16.

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This column is designated to give official VA answers to veterans' readjustment problems. Send questions to **RIGHT GUIDE**, 1380 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 25, California.

Medical Care for Veterans—The Veterans Administration medical service in the Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) cares for an average of more than 12,500 patients a day in VA hospitals, contract hospitals and domiciliary homes.

Under the law, admission of veterans to VA hospitals is based on a "priority" system. **First Priority for Admission** is given to emergency cases.

Second only to emergency cases on the priority list are veterans with service-connected disabilities. These are veterans with injuries or diseases caused or made worse by their service on the armed forces. "Service connection" is established when a veteran files a claim with the Veterans Administration and the subsequent check of his service records and physical exam reveal the disease or injury was incurred in the service.

Veterans with "non-service connected" diseases or disabilities, if they do not need emergency care, can be admitted to a hospital only if a bed is available and if they can not afford treatment elsewhere.

Of the total number of patients treated by the Veterans Administration each day approximately 29 per cent are service connected cases and approximately 71 per cent are non-service connected.

In addition to hospitalization, veterans with service-connected injuries or diseases are entitled to treatment in VA out-patient clinics and, in some cases, by private doctors. Out-patient treatment is NOT available to veterans with non-service connected disabilities.

RIGHT GUIDE ANSWERS ITS MAIL

Wife of a veteran writes: May a veteran receive full subsistence payments from Veterans Administration if he works while attending school under the G. I. Bill?

VA Answer: He may work part-time or full-time and still draw his full subsistence allowance, provided that the wages he earns for such employment, plus his subsistence allowance while attending school, does not total more than \$175 if he has no dependent, or dependents, or \$200 a month if he has dependents.

A former Army sergeant writes: If I decide to give up the course of training I am taking under the G. I. Bill, do I have to notify the Veterans Administration of my action?

VA Answer: You should not quit your course of education or training without notifying or obtaining approval of the VA regional office handling your claim. This is necessary so that if you have not exhausted your entitlement, you may qualify for further training.

Error always addresses the passions and prejudices; truth scorns such mean intrigue, and only addresses the understanding and the conscience.—Azel Backus

Rationing Of Water Possible Due To Drouth

A warning that Southern California may one day be forced to resort to water rationing such as is being practiced in Santa Barbara and Ventura was sounded here today by Preston Hotchkis, president of the Colorado River Association.

"Our only salvation from water rationing today in many Southern California cities is the planning that was started in Los Angeles 43 years ago, to pipe in water from distant and dependable sources," Hotchkis declared.

"It will shock many of our citizens to learn," he continued, "that now our share of water from the larger of these sources—the Colorado River—is threatened by attempts of Arizona interests to get more than their fair share of that river's supply."

"Unless the men and women of Southern California take vigorous action to protect their Colorado River water rights, they may as well be prepared now for the day at some future drought period when we, too, will be rationed."

Fair and final settlement of the water dispute could be achieved, he asserted, by giving the United States Supreme Court the opportunity to hear both sides and then make a decision. A bill authorizing a Supreme Court suit is now before Congress, he pointed out, adding, "It should be passed promptly."

Many Veterans Migrate From Eastern States

Veterans are still migrating to Southern California in large numbers, stated J. G. Caldwell today. He revealed that a December survey showed nearly half of the veterans seeking Veterans Service Center service were from out of state, while 44 percent of the group had been in Los Angeles County less than six months.

The ten-day survey conducted by the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, in cooperation with seventeen other Community Chest centers, checked 5,761 veterans to discover the state from which they were inducted into military service, revealing New York in the lead with 14 percent of the total.

Twenty-three percent of the out-of-state veterans had been in Los Angeles County six months to one year, with 22 percent of the group here one to three years. Eleven percent had been in Los Angeles more than three years.

Caldwell stated that a change in the trend of veterans' migration in the past year was indicated by the large proportion of veterans coming from the Atlantic seaboard and middle west, whereas one year ago the majority had been from the southern states.

To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.—Shakespeare

Faithfulness and truth are the most sacred excellences and endowments of the human mind.—Cicero

F. B. Stewart Is Promoted

Frank B. Stewart has been made assistant manager of the San Francisco District of United States Steel Co., warehouse subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, the company announced today.

Stewart has been associated with United States Steel Corporation subsidiaries since 1936. He was first employed as an industrial engineer by Columbia Steel at its Torrance plant, Los Angeles county. A year later, he was transferred to the Southern Division Sales Office of the company, and then in 1940 became Sales Service Manager of the area. He held this position until receiving his appointment with U. S. Steel Supply Co.

Outward attacks and troubles rather fix than unsettle the Christian, as tempests from without only serve to root the oak more firmly in the ground.—H. More

Walteria Fourth Grade Students Visit Exhibit

A visit to the California building at Exposition Park on Jan. 21 by the students of Mrs. Isabelle Showler's fourth grade class at the Walteria School culminated the class' studies of the discovery of gold and the subsequent gold rush in California.

Notes on the various exhibits were taken by the students to supplement the knowledge gained in their classroom studies. They also studied exhibits of industries, and resources as a preview to their next unit of social studies, "California Today."

Students serving on committees to make reports of special topics were: Mining, minerals and gold rush; Edith Zaak, Eleanor Faichney, Ann Louise Murray and Judith Powell. Forestry and Redwoods: Michael Sampson, Jackie Johnson, Jerry

Foley and Craig Edman. Petroleum: Danny Carr, John Clausen and Ronald Stechenfinger. Water and waterpower: Carlos Skaggs, Catherine Smart, Betty Jane Schamber, Harry Wells, Bobby Wood and Carolyn Newbill. Harbors: Tex Conger, Alan Rainwater and Austin Beasley. Animal industries: Alexandria Merola, Diane Witney, Eldon Hall and Billy Wood. Fruit industries: Sally Beebe, Constance Hurley and Beverly Quinn. Arts: Betty Nishimoto, Judy Greenwood and Sally Franklin. Maps: Phillip Thatcher and Gary Patton.

The trip was made on the school bus with safety procedures handled by the Safety Council members who are, Alexandria Merola, Beverly Quinn, Tex Conger, Billy Wood, Austin Beasley and Sally Beebe. A picnic lunch in the park was held following the tour

MORE LAND FOR LENNOX COUNTY CENTER SOUGHT

County Manager Wayne R. Allen recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Counsel to institute proceedings for acquisition of land on Hawthorne boulevard for an additional Lennox Civic Center site.

The property has a 100-foot frontage on the boulevard and is 122 feet deep, Allen said.

It is good for us to keep some account of our prayers, that we may not unsay them in our practice.—Matthew Henry

with Alan Rainwater, Ann Louise Murray, Craig Edman and Catherine Smart doing the serving.

The group was joined at the park by Mrs. Clark Smart and Mrs. Carr, two of the class mothers.

Suggest Low Cost Meals

It's possible to lower the cost of meals by shifting to cheaper cuts of meat and by using more fish and cottage cheese for animal proteins. At least one-fourth of the total protein in the food should be from animal sources. The rest can come from vegetables and cereals.

Mrs. Margaret Todd, home demonstration agent in Los Angeles county, offers a circular entitled "Budget Meals." In it is information on the amount of food each person needs, the kinds of food to buy to supply this needed diet, at relatively low cost, how to use concentrates to build up the protein content of the food, and the amount of proteins that are contained in common foods. The circular can be obtained at Mrs. Todd's office, 808 N. Spring St., Los Angeles 12.

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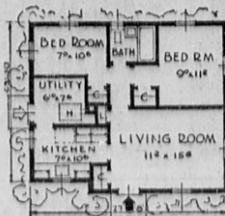
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